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### Butterfly Room benefits RUH relatives

A group of staff at the RUH Acute Stroke Unit at the Royal United Hospital's Bath NHS Foundation Trust are being praised for transforming an old storage room into a discreet and confidential space for relatives of patients.

Working on a limited budget from charitable funds, the four volunteered in their spare time to create the new Butterfly Room, painting the walls with tranquil pastel colours and stencils and providing sensitive lighting and comfortable furniture.

Junior Sister Sara Clarke, who worked on the project, said: "It's taken us about five months, transforming a dingy storage area into the most amazing room where families can come when they need a place to rest and reflect in privacy."

Senior Sister Sharon Ferguson said: "I'm incredibly proud of the team and what they've achieved. As a Trust we are always looking at ways to improve the care we offer to patients and relatives. The Butterfly Room is beautiful and will be a valuable asset to the ward, offering privacy, dignity and compassion to families, friends and carers."

The team, Sara Clark, Healthcare Assistants Chloe Flower and Lisa Comer, and Staff Nurse Sarah Hunt, were present when the Butterfly Room was officially opened by Rachel Davis, Senior Nurse Specialist Palliative Care.

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## Notes to Editor:

The Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust provides acute treatment and care for a catchment population of around 500,000 people in Bath, and the surrounding towns and villages in North East Somerset and Western Wiltshire. The hospital provides healthcare to the population served by four Clinical Commissioning Groups: Bath & North East Somerset CCG, Wiltshire CCG, Somerset CCG and South Gloucestershire CCG.

The Trust provides 759 beds and a comprehensive range of acute services including medicine and surgery, services for women and children, accident and emergency services, and diagnostic and clinical support services.

In 2015 The Royal United Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust acquired the Royal National Hospital for Rheumatic Diseases (RNHRD) NHS Foundation Trust. The RNHRD treats patients from across the country offering services in rheumatology, chronic pain and chronic fatigue syndrome/ME, cancer related fatigue and fatigue linked to other long term conditions such as multiple sclerosis.

The RUH is changing - we have an exciting programme of redevelopment underway transforming our site and further improving the services we provide. The Trust is now building a purpose-built RNHRD and Therapies Centre and working towards new Dyson Cancer Centre. For more details visit: [www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit\\_for\\_the\\_future](http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/about/fit_for_the_future)

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